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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: APER AMGT AFS  
SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF REGIONAL AID ATTACHE

REF: STATE 083718

1. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, REAL TESTING TIME FOR DETERMINING  
VALIDITY OF REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONCEPT IN OMAN  
IS JUST NOW AT HAND. WITH CATTLE/RANGELAND TEAM PRESENTLY IN  
COUNTRY, FISHING EXPERT DUE MAY 2, AND SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY  
TEAM COMING APRIL 19, WE MAY KNOW BY LATE SPRING OR SUMMER  
WHETHER MEDIUM OR LONG TERM REIMBURSABLE AID PROJECTS IN  
ALL-IMPORTANT AGRICULTURE/FISHERIES/MINERALS FIELDS HAVE  
CHANCE OF CATCHING ON. ALSO THEN, OR WITHIN FEW MONTHS  
THEREAFTER, IT SHOULD BECOME KNOWN WHETHER MINISTRY OF  
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AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, PETROLEUM AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
WILL PROVE ADEQUATE AT HANDLING AZMIN AND SUPPORT BURDENS  
THAT IT MUST TAKE ON IF "PERMANENT" PROJECTS ARE TO BE SUC-  
CESSFUL.

2. GIVEN THE ABOVE, WE CONSIDER THIS A MOST UNFORTUNATE  
TIME TO HAVE TO ASSESS MERITS OF THIS REGIONAL ACTIVITY. WE

COULD DO SO MUCH MORE CONFIDENTLY AND WITH LESS GUESS-WORK IN LATE SUMMER THAN RIGHT NOW. OUR PRESENT VIEW IS THAT USG INTERESTS IN OMAN STAND TO BENEFIT FROM CONTINUATION OF REGIONAL AID ATTACHE ACTIONS AT LEAST SIX MONTHS LONGER. DODSON'S ABILITY, PERSISTENCE AND POISE HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN ADVANCING PROJECTS TO THEIR PRESENT STAGE. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM REMAIN ENGAGED AT LEAST THROUGH A FULL YEAR, I.E. UNTIL FALL OF 1977, AS CONTINUITY FACTOR CAN WEIGH HEAVILY WITH OUR MINISTRY CONTACTS.

3. AS TO VENUE OF THE ATTACHE POSITION, IN THEORY SOMEONE BASED WASHINGTON SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THE JOB AS WELL AS SOMEONE BASED IN GULF. BUT WE FAVOR A GULF-BASED ATTACHE, BELIEVING HE WOULD IN FACT GET AROUND TO US MORE OFTEN AND WOULD BE BETTER ABLE KEEP AID/W FILLED IN ON NUANCES OF LOCAL SITUATION AFFECTING POSSIBLE PROJECTS. NO MATTER WHERE BASED, ATTACHE'S EMPHASIS IN NEXT SIX MONTHS SHOULD BE TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON ONE OR MORE OF PROJECTS ALREADY TENTATIVELY LAUNCHED RATHER THAN STIMULATE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS BEFORE WE KNOW WHETHER THOSE ALREADY BEGUN HAVE A FUTURE.

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